Department Mission

The St. David’s School of Nursing at Texas State University provides supportive and creative educational programs, which inspire those who teach and those who learn and are based on mutual respect and a commitment to contribute to the health of individuals, families, populations, communities and the environment worldwide. The school’s mission is to educate and prepare graduates to administer ethical, safe and effective patient-centered care and to contribute to emerging research and health management practices. The MSN-LAN graduate will lead innovations in the way healthcare is delivered, models of care are developed, and roles of healthcare workers are established.

We tailor the educational plan to meet our students’ career goals using real-world application of leadership concepts that are needed in today’s complex healthcare environment.

– Dr. Diana Dolan, Leadership and Administration in Nursing program faculty member

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**Why choose Texas State?**
The leadership and administration in nursing (LAN) program positions the post-professional registered nurse (RN) to exhibit transformational leadership that meets the challenges of various healthcare systems. Graduates will be skilled in quality and safety of care, cost-effective care delivery, improved productivity, and recruitment and retention of highly skilled interdisciplinary teams.

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**Course Work**
Course work takes place online, with some face-to-face campus meetings at the St. David’s School of Nursing in Round Rock, Texas. During these campus intensives, students will hone their skills with faculty and get to know their fellow MSN-LAN students. The curriculum includes courses emphasizing the core management and executive national competencies, quality indicators and patient safety, and Magnet and Pathways to Excellence. Of the required 36 credit hours, 12 are in practicum courses during which students learn one-on-one from a mentor in an area facility of their choosing.

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**Career Options**
Graduates will be prepared for mid- and senior-level management careers in a wide variety of settings, including multi-healthcare systems, national healthcare systems, hospitals, nurse-managed clinics, ambulatory care centers, nursing homes and community clinics. Potential positions include:
- chief nursing officer
- vice president of patient services
- director of quality patient outcomes
- unit and case manager
- innovative project manager

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**Faculty**
Faculty have a wide range of leadership, educational and population-based research platforms. Students will benefit from their expertise in homelessness, patient falls prevention, telemedicine, work/life balance, mentor support, succession planning, standardized testing and student success. Faculty present at regional and national conferences, including Sigma Theta Tau, the international nursing honor society.

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**Important Deadlines**

*Admissions*
- Fall: July 15
- Spring: October 15
- Summer: No admission

Applications will continue to be considered on a space-available basis after the deadline.

**Funding: Scholarships, Fellowships and Assistantships**
The deadlines to apply for scholarship, fellowship and assistantship consideration may be earlier.

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